182 Main Street, East Berlin

1776

Samuel Wilcox (1753-1832) Revolutionary war
& Phoebe Dowd (1759-1796)
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& Rebecca Savage (1762-1844)

Greek revival

1935 Susqui-Centennial Celebration of the Town of Berlin – Berlin Old Houses. Survey # 088

About 1780 Samuel Wilcox current owner: Mrs. L.M. Root Main St

1985 Townwide Historic and Architectural Survey of Berlin, Connecticut.

1800 Samuel Wilcox current owner: Randy & Joann Bigelow greek revival

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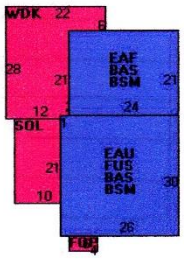
1776 current owner: John & Debora Saling

Sketch



Genealogy

Samuel Wilcox was the 10th child of David and Sarah [White] Wilcox. Married 1st Phoebe Dowd; married 2nd Sarah Savage and married 3rd Rebecca Savage, after 1826. Lived at 182 Main Street, East Berlin [said to have been built in 1700's]. BPLH Room Card Notes record that Miss North states "House moved and occupied many years by Willys Dowd family." She also writes that they moved to Ohio. Samuel died at age 78. Hale Cemetery Records - p.88 Adams. Middletown Upper Houses - p.753 Beers, [ed.] - p.668, 669 North, Catherine. Berlin History - p.99

Samuel Wilcox (1753-1832) son of Daniel Wilcox & Sarah White. In 1778 he married Phoebe Dowd (1759-1796) daughter of Richard Dowd and Phebe Foster. They had children including: Richard, Benjamin, Daniel, Sylvester, Samuel and Edward. He married second Sarah Savage (1759-1826). In 1783 he married third Rebecca Savage (1762-1844) daughter of Josiah Savage & Sarah Stowe. They are buried in Wilcox Cemetery.

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IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common) (Historic): Samuel Wilcox House
2. TOWN: CITY: Berlin — VILLAGE: East Berlin — COUNTY: Hartford
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location): 182 Main Street — 17-4/146/14
4. OWNER(S): Randy G. & Jo Ann J. Bigelow, " " East Berlin 06023 ☐ Public ☒ Private
5. USE (Present): Residence — (Historic): Residence
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD ☒ Yes ☐ No — INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE ☐ Yes ☒ No — IF YES, EXPLAIN

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Vernacular/ Greek Revival — DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c.1800
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)
   ☐ Clapboard ☐ Asbestos Siding ☒ Brick ☐ Other (Specify) ____
   ☐ Wood Shingle ☐ Asphalt Siding ☐ Fieldstone
   ☐ Board & Batten ☐ Stucco ☐ Cobblestone
   ☐ Aluminum Siding ☐ Concrete Type: ____ ☒ Cut stone Type: Brownstone ashlar foundation
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM
   ☐ Wood frame ☐ Post and beam ☐ balloon
   ☒ Load bearing masonry ☐ Structural iron or steel
   ☐ Other (Specify) ____
10. ROOF (Type)
   ☒ Gable ☐ Flat ☐ Mansard ☐ Monitor ☐ sawtooth
   ☐ Gambrel ☐ Shed ☐ Hip ☐ Round ☐ Other (Specify) ____
   (Material)
   ☐ Wood Shingle ☐ Roll Asphalt ☐ Tin ☐ Slate ☒ Gable end to the street
   ☒ Asphalt shingle ☐ Built up ☐ Tile ☐ Other (Specify) ____ ☐ Ridge parallel to the street
11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2 1/2 — APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 27' x 51'
12. CONDITION (Structural): ☐ Excellent ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated — (Exterior): ☐ Excellent ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY (Location): ☒ On original site ☐ Moved — WHEN? — (Alterations): ☒ Yes ☐ No — IF YES, EXPLAIN: Greek Revival alteration
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES
   ☐ Barn ☐ Shed ☒ Garage ☐ Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)
   ☐ Carriage house ☐ Shop ☐ Garden
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT
   ☐ Open land ☐ Wood-land ☒ Residential ☐ Scattered buildings visible from site
   ☐ Commercial ☐ Indus-trial ☐ Rural ☒ High building density
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS

In an area of Main Street with a large concentration of 18th- and 19th-century houses.

(Samuel Curtis Wilcox

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)

The Samuel Wilcox House has a three-bay facade with a fanlit entry on the left protected by a flat-roofed Greek Revival porch. The porch has plain pilasters and is supported by fluted Doric columns. The porch roof features a plain architrave and frieze separated by a small central molding and a molded cornice. Brick walls are laid up in common bond with Flemish variation. First-floor windows on front and left elevations have splayed brownstone lintels. First-floor windows on the right elevation feature splayed brick lintels. Windows are fitted with new or restored 12-over-12 sash; there is no special sill treatment. There is a slight overhang at the second floor. The main roof cornice features a wide plain architrave and frieze separated by a (continued)

SIGNIFICANCE

18. ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

The Samuel Wilcox House is significant as a good example of a c.1800 brick house with mid-19th-century Greek Revival additions. Typical c.1800 features include the fanlit entry, the overhang at the second floor (a reference to the hewn overhangs of 18th-century timber-frame construction), and the relatively unsophisticated construction (the lack of a special sill treatment, the mixture of brick and brownstone lintels). Typical Greek Revival features include the Doric-columned porch, the main roof entablature and the flushboarded tympanum. The rectangular attic light is also characteristic of the Revival period.

The house is said to have been built by Samuel Wilcox in the late 1700s, but there is little from the 18th century which is (continued)

SOURCES

1855 Atlas
1869 Atlas
Tercentenary List

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20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

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Samuel Wilcox House

17. (continued):

small central molding. The molded cornice shows a full return; the flushboarded tympanum has a rectangular attic light with border-pane glazing and a fluted surround. Cornice detailing is continued on the side elevations. The left elevation has a modern solarium/greenhouse addition; to the rear is a parallel one-and-one-half-story extension.

19. (continued):

apparent. In the mid-19th century, it was occupied by members of the North family.